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SUBJ: CDE HOLDS FIRST ELECTORAL MEETING IN LISBON

SUMMARY: SPEAKERS AT OPENING CDE CAMPAIGN RALLY IN LISBON CALL FOR IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE PORTUGUESE AFRICA, THEREBY PROVOKING GOVERNMENT THREAT ABOLISH CDE SLATE IN LISBON. END SUMMARY

1. OPPOSITION HELD ITS FIRST PUBLIC CAMPAIGN RALLY IN LISBON ON EVENING OCTOBER 4. MEETING AT NATIONAL SOCIETY FINE ARTS ATTRACTED CAPACITY CROWD OF SOME 3,000, WITH ANOTHER 1,000 PREVENTED BY POLICE FROM ENTERING PACKED HALL.

2. CROWD COMPOSED PRINCIPALLY UNIVERSITY-AGE STUDENTS, WITH FEW WORKERS, OLDER PERSONS OR BLACKS IN ATTENDANCE. ABOUT 20PC WOMEN. FOUR OF CDE'S LISBON CANDIDATES, AS WELL AS THREE NON-CANDIDATES SPOKE, THE LATTER IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFIANCE GOVERNMENT EDICT BARRING NON-CANDIDATES FROM

SPEAKING.

3. PRINCIPAL THEMES WERE "INTOLERABLE" CENSORSHIP
OPPOSITION PUBLICATIONS AND CONSTANT HARRASSMENT CDE
ACTIVISTS BY GOVERNMENT; HIGH COST LIVING; REPRESSION
LABOR MOVEMENT; AND EXPLOITATION WOMEN BY REGIME. CDE
WENT ON RECORD AS OPPOSED PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION
NATO, EEC AND EFTA.

4. HOWEVER, PRINCIPAL TOPIC DISCUSSED WAS GOVERNMENT'S
POLICIES VIS-A-VIS PORTUGUESE AFRICA. SPEAKERS CALLED
FOR IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICAN PROVINCES,
APPLAUDED PAIGC'S DECLARATION INDEPENDENCE, AND STRESSED
NEED FOR FULL PUBLIC DEBATE ON OPTIONS AVAILABLE
PORTUGAL IN AFRICA (ALL THESE REFERENCES CENSORED FROM
RESULTANT PRESS ACCOUNTS OF MEETING.)

5. DURING MEETING POLICE, AIDED BY WATER CANNON,
CHARGED AND DISPERSED CROWD STILL HOPING ENTER MEETING
HALL, REPORTEDLY INJURING SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

6 OCTOBER 8 CIVIL GOVERNOR LISBON CALLED CDE ELECTORAL
COMMISSION FOR LISBON INTO HIS OFFICE, ADVISING THEM THAT
THEY WERE UNDER LEGAL OBLIGATION TO RESPECT THE
"FUNDAMENTAL ESTABLISHED SOCIAL ORDER" AND TO REFRAIN FROM
PROPAGANDA AGAINST THIS ORDER, I.E. CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE
INDEPENDENCE FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICA. THEY WERE WARNED THAT
SHOULD THEY DISOBEY THE RULES OF THE GAME AGAIN, HE COULD
BE OBLIGED TO ABOLISH THE CDE'S LISBON ELECTORAL
COMMISSION, AND THEREBY REMOVE FROM THE BALLOT THE
LISBON OPPOSITION CANDIDATES.

7. COMMENT: SECOND LISBON CAMPAIGN SESSION SCHEDULED
FOR NIGHT OCT. 10. IF CDE REPEATS ITS OCT. 4 PERFORMANCE,
IT RISKS CANCELLATION OF LISBON SLATE. SOME CDE ELEMENTS
UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD LIKE TO PROVOKE THIS, IF NOT
NOW, THEN JUST PRIOR TO OCT. 28 ELECTIONS. IF CDE
REFRAINS FROM CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE PORTUGUESE
COLONIES, IT RUNS RISK APPEARING CAVE INTO GOVERNMENT
ON ONE MOST IMPORTANT, BASIC AND POPULAR ELEMENTS ITS
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